संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी०वी० रंगय्या नायडू): (क) से (ग) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

Rakes and line capacity of the Suburban Railway System

2155. SHRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the rakes and line capacity of the suburban railway system is not increasing proportionate to the increase in suburban passenger traffic; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to improve this situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Establishment of medical unit at Ballyghat and other places

2156. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railway Ministry had as early as in 1990 sanctioned health units for Dakshineshwar, Baranagar and Ballyghat for Railway employees;

(b) if so, whether it has been implemented; and

(c) if not, whether Government are taking steps to establish medical units at above places?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) A Health Unit was sanctioned only at Dakshineshwar. A lock up dispensary is in operation, everyday, at Dakshineshwar at present.

For the present staff strength, at the places mentioned above and with convenient train services/road transport facilities available to reach existing Railway Hospitals nearby, there is no need to have the health units.

Regularisation of Railway Employees Working in Cooperative Stores

2157. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court's order dated 7th April, 1994 directed the Railways to treat the employees of the Railway Employees Cooperative Stores as regular Railway Servants and give them the pay-scales that are given to regular Railway servants in cooresponding posts w.e.f. 1st July, 1990.

(b) if so, what action has so far been taken to comply with the order, and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The Hon'ble Supreme Court vide their judgement dated September 7, 1994 dismissed the Special Leave Petition of the Railways against the judgement dated 29.6.90 of CAT/MADRAS in O.A. No. 305/88 wherein the Hon'ble Tribunal directed the Railways to treat the employees of the Railway Employees Cooperative Stores in the Southern Railway as regular Railway servants and give them the pay-scales that are given for regular Railway servants in corresponding posts w.e.f. 1st July, 1990.

(b) and (c) Since the judgement involves policy decisions on fixation of pay-scales and other related service matters in respect of the Applicants, a detailed study of these will require time. Accordingly efforts are being made to get more time from the Hon'ble Tribunal to study these aspects.